



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kaoru SAKAKIBARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3765

Application No.: 10/614,081

Examiner: P. Nerbun

Filed: July 8, 2003

Docket No.: 116450

For: SEWING APPARATUS AND NEEDLE BAR POSITION CONTROL PROGRAM  
THEREFOR

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Reasons for Allowance states that claim 1 and its depending claims are allowable because of the inclusion of a needle bar control unit controlling a needle bar position control unit. However, no such feature is found in claim 1. Instead claim 1 only recites "a needle bar position control unit controlling the needle bar rocking mechanism". Thus, while Applicants agrees that the claims are allowable over the applied art, Applicants respectfully submit that the Reasons for Allowance do not accurately represent the subject matter claimed in claim 1.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff  
Registration No. 27,075

David J. Cho  
Registration No. 48,078

JAO:DJC/al

Date: June 9, 2004

**OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC**  
**P.O. Box 19928**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22320**  
**Telephone: (703) 836-6400**

|                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE<br>AUTHORIZATION<br>Please grant any extension<br>necessary for entry;<br>Charge any fee due to our<br>Deposit Account No. 15-0461 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|